A DILIGENT SEARCH

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Rulers, Priests, Professors, and People; and a warning to all sorts high and low, that are out of the doctrine of *Christ*, and fear not God.

Put forth by Dorothy White *living in* Waymouth.

Woe unto him that offendeth one of these little ones that believeth in me, saith Christ, t were better for him that he had a Mill-stone hanged about his neck, and that he were drownd in the depth of the Sea; it is better for that man he had never been born.

UPon the 25th day of the second moneth, 59. as I was passing along the street, I heard a cry in me; again on the 26 th day of the same Moneth, the same cry was in me; againe on the 27 th day, the same cry was in me, And as I was waiting upon the Lord in silence, the word of the Lord came unto we, saying, *write, and again I say write, (As I have said it shall come to passe)* and this was the cry, *I will confound, I will confound, the devices of this people, I will make their devices to be of none Effect, I will cast out the councill of their Princes; O Earth, Earth, Earth hear the word of the Lord, and be warned before the cup of indignation of the Lords fierce anger is poured out upon you.*

And though you stir never so much against the Lord and against his anointed, you do but kindle a fire, and at last you will fall into it your selves; Yea you shall run into the Caves, and dens of the Earth to hide your selves from the Lord, and from the glory of his Majesty, when he shall appear to shake terribly the Earth, then shall your nakednesse be laid open before you, then shall you see What you have been work

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ing in this dark night that is over you, a night of thick darkneſſe hath over clouded you.

O you blood-thirſty Rulers of *England*, you Rule by the powers of Darkneſſe, you have joyned with the ſtrength of Hell to enſnare the innocent, and to deſtroy the Lamb of God; where he doth rule, you crucifie the Lord of Glory, you are of *Sodom* and *Egypt* (ſpiritually ſo called) for in the ſtreets of ſpiritual *Sodom* and *Egypt* is our Lord ſlain, For the cry of blood is found amongſt you, and the cry of your ſins is exceeding great, it hath aſcended to the eares of the Lord God of heaven and Earth, And all the ſacrifices that you offer up to the Lord is but a corrupted thing, the Lord is wearyed with your abominations.

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Therefore a warning from the Lord God unto you, Prieſts, Rulers, people & profeſſors, while there is a call to repentance, for now hath the Lord called all to repentance, and hath once more warned you whiles the day of mercy laſteth, for *Sodom and Ghomorah* of old were warned to repent of the Judgements that ſhould come upon them, and they repented not, and were deſtroyed. And you hath the Lord warned to repent, and once more hath he warned you, before the day of deſolation come, wherein there will be no place for repentance found; for now is the Lord God working his mighty work in the Earth, he is ſubduing Kingdomes, and ruling the Nations as with a rod of Iron, he is bringing down the mighty from their ſeats, he is throwing down Kings from their Thrones; And all you high and loughty ones, you fruitleſſe branches, you will the Lord cut down with the ſword of his power; and all you briers and brambles of the Earth that are now fighting againſt the Lamb of God, you ſhall be as fewel prepared for the fire in the day of the Lords fierce indignation, for a day of ſorrow, anguiſh and pain and great tribulation ſhall come upon all fleſh, and upon all that are out of Covenant with God, for great is the God of *Abraham* of *Iſack* and of *Jacob*, and who ſhall be able to withſtand his power: For now is he come to eſtabliſh his Throne in righteouſneſſe, upon the top of all Thrones, yea, he will ſit as King upon his holy hill of *Sion*, for *Jacobs* God hath appeared, and his light now ſhineth, and hath broken through darkneſſe, and hath broken the bonds of iniquity, and is ariſing with healing in his wings, on them that do believe.

None knoweth the Father but the Son, and him to whom the Son revealeth him, and him that hath the Son, hath the Father alſo, And the Son is the light and life of men, that all through him might believe, and have everlaſting life. For now is God appearing in power and in Majeſty, and through his Son is he drawing all men unto him, that would come in unto him, who is the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, this is him, whom the Prophets propheſied of, and the ſame which *Iohn* bare witneſſe to, and ſaid that he was not that light, but was ſent to bear witneſſe of that light. *This is the true light, and he doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world.* The ſame do we bear witneſſe to now. *The world was made by him, and the world knew him not, he came to his own, and his own received him not, But to as many as did, to them he gave power to become the ſons of God.*

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Now to you that are seeking abroad, for that you have lost at home in your own houses, (within you) you must turne in again to the light of Christ, the way to the Father, and Covenant of God. All that are out of the light, are out of Covenant with God, *For he is given for a covenant of light unto the Gentiles, and for salvation to the end of the Earth: This is my welbeloved Son, hear ye him in all things*, saith God. *This is the true Prprophet, and all that will not hear this prophet, are to be cut off from the Earth.* And all other prophets do we deny, that do run and never were sent of God, these shall not profit the people at all, they are the wolves, they have gotten the sheeps c*loathing but inwardly they are ravening wolves by their fruits you may know them*; These are the deceivers of the Nation, upon these will the Lord God power out the cup of his fierce indignation, for the fire of his jealousie is kindled against them, and he will take vengeance on them, for they are murtherers of the Son of God, for the day of terrible judgement is drawn near unto them, a day of howling and of bitter lamentation, a cup of vengeance will the Lord God power out upon them; woe, woe, woe, from the Lord God unto them, they shall down into the depth of Hell without speedy repentance; a warning from the Lord God unto you Priests of *England*, hear, hear, and consider before the fiery wrath of the Lord God fall upon you; fear, fear, & tremble for fear of the Lord God of Hosts, for you hath the Lord God a great & mighty controversie with, against you, for now is the Lord coming, *to try the sons of men, and to purifie the sons of* Levi *and to purifie them as fine gold that hath been tryed seven times in the fire*, And he is purifying of his temple that he may dwel therein, as he hath said, *I will walk in them, I wil dwel in them, I will be their God, and they shall be my people, and it shall come to passe* saith the Lord, *that I will raise up the righteous branch of* David, *and a King shall rule and prosper, and of his Dominion there shall be no end. And this is the name they shall call him (the Lord our righteousnesse) For many shall come from the East, and from the West, and shall sit down with* Abraham, *with* Isaack, *and with* Jacob, *that are the seed of* Abraham *borne after the spirit. In* Isaack *shall the seed be blessed*, That is, not the seed of *Abraham* that is born after the flesh, for that is the persecuting birth, he that is born after the flesh, persecuteth him that is born after the spirit, *Cain* was a murtherer from the beginning, *Cain* offered up sacrifice, yet he slew his brother *Abel*, the just one, born after the spirit, but *Caines* sacrifice was not accepted with the Lord, but the blood of righteous *Abel* cried from the Earth for vengeance to the Lord, although you offer many sacrifices, yet doth not the Lord regard them, you are of *Cains* stock, you persecute the just one born after the spirit, you murther your brother, but the blood of him cryeth from the Earth for vengeance to me saith the Lord, to be taken on you, *Woe unto the drunkards of* Ephraim, *that are not drunk with wine, nor strong bear, but with the blood of Saints*, you must drink the cup of wrath, you heap up wrath upon your selves, you heap up destruction upon destruction, for the all seeing eye of God beholds you and your secret intents, let them be never so secretly acted, he doth see your waies, and he wil reward you openly, a just recompence according to your deeds of darknesse, for the powers of heaven shall move, and there shal be earth-quakes in divers places, the powers of heaven doth move, the Earth doth tremble before the Lord, the mountains

melts at his presence, he doth not shake the Earth onely, but the heavens also: *Like as the lightning cometh out of the East and shineth into the West, so shall the coming of the Son of man be*; And we have seen his coming and we are built upon the Rock, *and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against us.* Although many are saying, there are a people risen up now that go about to turne the world upside down, if we let them go on; But I tell you it is not the people, but it is the power of God, for he is come to turne the World upside down. That that, which hath ruled, over may be brought down under, and that which hath been of low degree, may be raised up by the power of God, to rule and have the dominion; for God is coming to throw down the kingdom of Anti christ that hath had the dominion, and hath ruled in the hearts of men, the prince of the powers of darkneſſe, that rules in the hearts of the children of disobedience that obey not the Gospel of Christ.

For kingdom shall rise against Kingdom, and nation shall rise against Nation, for there shall be wars and rumors of wars on the Earth, and when you see those things coming to passe, then is the end neer, behold the time cometh saith the Lord, that I will draw near unto judgement, I will be a swift witnesse against the double minded, and all that are covered with an unrighteous covering; for all coverings shall be too narrow, for *Sion* shal be ploughed as a field, the follow ground turned up, & the frutleſs branches burned, for now is the Lord comming to require fruit of his vine-yard, *Behold I will tell you of my beloved concerning his vine-yard, my beloved hath a vineyard upon a very fruitful mountain, & he looked for fruit and it brought forth, wild grapes, I wil tel you what I will do with my vine-yard, I will take away the hedg about it, I will also forbid the clouds of heaven that it should not rain.* Now man in the beginning was created in the Image of God, & he was the vine-yard of God, placed in a very fruitfull mountain, as long as he stood there he was in union with God, but when he went out into transgression, he lost the union with God, then he brought forth the wild grapes, he became the degenerated plant, degenerated from his maker, this is the state of fallen man, so long as he is in transgression, let him professe what he will, yet he is naked and ashamed to appear before the Lord, when the Lord calleth to him to return, because he is not covered with that righteous covering that he was in, in the beginning, but he hath sown to himself figg-leaves to cover his nakednes, that is a self-righteousnes.

God that made Heaven and Earth, and created all things hath looked down from heaven, and is beholding the children of men, and is calling to them to return from the evil of their wayes, by his Son Christ the light and life of men, and *doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world*, he is not come to destroy life but to save life, but he is come to destroy sin in the flesh; for this very end and purpose, was the Son of God made manifest in the flesh, that he might destroy the works of the devil, & by the light is his work manifested, *for whatsoever manifesteth, the same is light*, and as it is received and believed in, and followed, and obeyed; it will lead out of sin, and out of transgression, and it will lead unto the Father of lights, from whence it came: as he said *I came out from the Father, and I testifie of the Father to the world*; Again *I shall leave*

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the world, and go to the Father; So all that come unto him that is the light, he leadeth out of the world, and leadeth to the Father again, *for he was given for a leader to the people, and for a light unto the Gentiles, and for salvation to the ends of the earth*, unto the people that sate in darkneſs hath the light ſhined, and a glorious light hath appeared to them that ſate in the ſhadow of death, and hath given them the knowledge of the Father, in the face of the Son, *he hath given us the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jeſus Chriſt*, the light that *John* bear witneſs too, *John* ſaid *he was not that light, but was ſent to bear witneſs of that light, and ſaid, that was the true light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world*, Yet *John* was *a burning and a ſhining light*, *John* was in priſon when Chriſt came, for *bearing witneſs to the light*, and *for preaching repentance*, and *for crying in the wilderneſs, prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths ſtraight* in the deſert; for they that are not come to the light of Chriſt *within them*, are yet in the wilderneſs: They have not heard the cry of *John*, nor made ſtraight the way of the Lord, nor regarded his cry that calleth to repentance, but he is kept in priſon by them that deny the light, but now is the light come, and doth rule in the hearts of the children of light, and the day hath dawned, and the day-ſtar is riſen in our hearts, that leadeth to the Lamb of God, and the Lamb ſhall get the victory; and the Lamb ſhall have the dominion, for he is come to rule in the earth, and all ſhall throw down their Crowns at his feet, for now is God exalting him, over all the Kingdoms of the world, and he ſhall ſit in Majeſty, and rule the Nations with the word of his power; for now is the Goſpel of peace to be preached unto all Nations, and peoples, kindreds, and tongues, to all that dwell on the face of the whole earth; for now hath the trumpet of the Lord ſounded, and an Alarum is gone forth of his holy mountain to all that dwell on the earth, *to worſhip him in the ſpirit and in the truth*, for ſuch is the Lord calling to worſhip him, For behold now is the day wherein *the Lord will not be worſhipped at Jeruſalem, nor in this mountain, nor at Samaria, but he will be worſhipped in the ſpirit and in the truth*: for when the woman of *Samaria* was drawing water at the well of *Samaria*, Chriſt ſaid unto her, *if thou hadſt asked of me, I would have given thee living water, that whoſoever drinketh thereof ſhould never thirſt again*; then ſhe left her water-pot and went into the City & ſaid, behold a man that told me all that ever I did: is not this the Chriſt? Then ſhe left the water of *Samaria* when the living water was come, and when ſhe had taſted of the water of life, ſhe left *Samaria*, and worſhipped there no longer.

Behold now is the Lord coming to make a ſeparation between thoſe that worſhip him in the ſpirit and in truth, from them that worſhip him not in the ſpirit and in the truth, for that is the falſe worſhip that is out of the truth, & there the deceivers worſhip, the deceivers went out from the truth; they do lead people into error, and deceive them for diſhoneſt gain. O Iſrael, thy leaders hath deceived thee, they have corrupted thy footſtepts before the Lord, therefore is the Lord coming to ſcatter them with the whirlwind of his wrath, They ſhall be as chaff that is to be burned with unquenchable fire, in the day of the Lords fierce indignation.

Therefore a warning from the Lord unto you Rulers, Professors, and people in the Town of *Waymouth*, a warning from the Lord God unto you that are out of the light of the Son of God, that are yet in rebellion against the Son of God the light of the world.

To you that are seeking the living among the dead, In vain do you seek there, for the living God you do not serve, whiles you live in sin, and say you must live in sin whiles you are upon earth, this is contrary to the doctrine of Christ that the Apostles Preached, and said they were sent *to turn people from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God*; and they preached the Gospel freely, as they had received freely, for they Preached *the Gospel of Christ* to be *the power of God*, and they spake as they were moved by the holy Ghost, and from the Revelation of Christ in them; These be the true Ministers of Christ, that Preach Christ revealed in them, they are sent of God, and this is the difference between the Ministers of Christ, and if Antichrist, that run and are not sent of God; they tell the people of a Christ that they must believe in, that dyed for their sins, when they themselves do not believe in him, nor know the light of Christ in them, he died to save his people from their sins, not that they should live in their sins, & they that know him so far, knows him to be their Saviour, and they to be saved by him, and redeemed from all iniquity; They can say their Redeemer liveth in them, and they are translated from death unto life, and set free by the Son; *As many as are set free by the Son, are free indeed, they are no more under the Law, but under grace, The Law came by Moses, But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ; had it not been for the law we had not known sin; The law is light*, and this is the law of God written in our hearts, as he said, *I will write my law in their hearts, and will put my spirit in their inward parts, and they shall not depart from me, I will give them a heart of flesh, I will take away their stony heart and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*

Behold now is the *Lord* gathering in his chosen seed, chosen before the foundation of the world, that shall serve him in truth, and in righteousness; for righteousness shall flow down as a stream, and justice shall Rule in the earth, and judgement shall be set up in the earth, that the inhabitants thereof may learn righteousness, for judgement is he come who is the light, that those that do not see, may see, and those that do see, may be made blind; and *he is come not to bring peace on the earth, but a sword*, to cut down and destroy the man of sin; and this is the work he is doing, to destroy sin in the flesh: In them where sin yet remaineth, there Christ is not known to destroy the works of the devil, for that end was he manifested in the flesh, *for this is the mistery of godliness, Christ manifested in the flesh*, for he that revealeth the Father is the Son, and the Son is the light, and by him are the secrets of God revealed to them that fear him; But them that are out of the light, they know not the secrets of God, they are out of the fear of God: *For he that believeth, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water, springing up to eternal life*, the everlasting fountain shall be opened unto him, and the springs of life unstopt, that all may come and drink freely: for *Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance*, and to unstop the ears of the deaf, and to open the eyes of the blind, and to

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raiſe the dead to life; *I am the reſurrection and the life* ſaid Chriſt, *he that believeth in me ſhall never ſee death; and I will raiſe him up at the laſt day; But he that walketh in darkneſs and ſayes he hath fellowſhip with God, he is a lyar and does not the truth, but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, then have we fellow-ſhip one with another, and the blood of Jeſus Chriſt cleanſeth us from all ſin.*

This to you that are mocking at the light and ſcoffing at the ſpirit of the Lord, a woful day is coming upon you, a day of terrible vengeance upon all that are found ſtriving againſt the Lord, and reſiſting his ſpirit, a day of deſolation, and of ſwift deſtruction, a cup of endleſſe wrath will the Lord pour out upon you, unleſs you ſpeedily repent; for the day of vengeance is drawing near you, for God will not be mocked; for the *Lord* that created all things upon the whole earth, at ſeveral times moved me to go into your ſteeple houſe, in the time of your worſhip, fore-ſeeing the great miſery and deſolation that is coming upon you, ſhewn to me by the *Lord*; But before I could deliver what the *Lord* ſent me to deliver, they ſet hands on me, and put me forth, and carried me to the priſon, and told me they would put me in, but did not; It did not lie in their power to do it; but when I came up again, the *Lord* led me in again, and many ſtrived againſt me, and put me out again before I had done delivering the meſſage of the *Lord*; Again the word of the *Lord* came unto me, *Go and ſay the Lord of hoſts hath ſent thee to bear witneſs againſt the Idol ſhepherds*; But many ſtrived againſt me, but wo from the *Lord God* unto them that ſtrive to hinder the meſſenger of the Lord: Again the word of the *Lord* came unto me: *Go cry againſt the fooliſh Prophets that Preacheth lies in my name*, by the power of the *Lord* I was brought thither, to fulfill his will, and to deliver his word faithfully, which word is like a fire, and like a hammer, that breaketh the rocks in pieces that cannot be ſtayed: But two feirce ſpirited men ſtirred up with much wrath, came and haled me forth, and ſaid it was the Devils work, and that I looked like the Devil; but they are his ſervants that doth his work, and they fight for their maſter, as the high prieſts ſervants did of old: But woe unto all them that are found fighting againſt their maker, woe from the Lord God unto you, that have ſtrived to hinder the meſſinger of the Lord, you ſhal know in the day of the Lord, when he ſhall appear to take a count of your actions in this thing, then ſhal you know that I was ſent of God; then ſhall the light in your conſciences be awakened and then ſhall you ſee what you have been doing; And then ſhall you witneſſe for me before the juſt judge of heaven, that I was ſent by him, and that I cleared my conſcience to you, whether you will hear it or no, it will ſtand a witneſſe againſt you in the day of wrath, when wrath ſhall be poured out without mercy upon the ungodly, and upon the rebellious, and ſuch as have rejected the councell of the *Lord*, for woe and miſery is coming upon ſuch, that are yet rebelling againſt the Son of God, the light of the world, a warning from the Lord God unto ſuch, whilſt the day of repentance laſts, before the time come that repentance be hid from their eyes, and that they go down to the grave in ſorrow, and periſh in the pit; *for judgement is begun at the houſe of God and it muſt go through all, and*

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end in the destruction of the wicked: For the wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all that forget *God*: For upon the ungodly shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, stormes and tempest, this shall be their portion to drink, for the righteous Lord loveth righteousnesse, and his countenance will behold that which is just; for *God* is in the congregation of the righteous, and they shall abide with him for ever.

The servant of the *Lord*, fore-writ of certain men *were craftily crept into house, leading silly women captive, laden with sin, & with divers lusts, having the form of godlinesse, but denying the power thereof, ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth*: These are the men he fore-writ of, that are craftily crept into houses, (and calles them churches) but they are Wells without water, *and clouds without rain carryed about with a tempest*; And these are the deceivers that calls houses Churches, and these are the silly women led by them captive (marke) captive into sin: Divers lusts is divers sins, & they that are led in them, are led into captivity, (mark) they are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, whilst they are led into sin, they are ever learning, and never able to know the truth, *They have the form of godlinesse*, but they want the power; and the power is the truth, and the truth is the way: and they that want the power are out of the way (mark) and the way is the Son, and the Son sets free. And *as many as are led by the Spirit of God, are the Sons of God*, and them that the Son *sets free*, are *free indeed*.

This is to be sent abroad amongst the inhabitants of Weymouth as a warning from the Lord God unto them, before the day of desolation come; that is drawing neer to them that are out of the fear of God, and are yet gainsaying the truth, for a just and lawful tryall whereby they may come to the light of Christ within them, and try their way, to see how it differs from the way of God and to return from the evill of it, and return into the truth, and feel after God, and find him.

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